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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: US/KUWAIT MILITARY ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT

REF: A) KUWAIT 1282; B) STATE 074559 (NOTAL)

1. AT FOREIGN MINISTRY SEVERAL DAYS AGO TO SEE FONMINISTER, I RAN ACROSS UNDERSECRETARY RASHID WHO IS HANDLING SUBJECT OF EXCHANGE OF NOTES (STATE 057528) FOR FOREIGN MINISTRY. HE HAD JUST SEEN MINDEF SA'AD, AND HE SHOWED ME HANDWRITTEN DRAFT REPLY WHICH HE HAD WORKED OUT WITH MINDEF BRIEFLY INDICATING GOK APPROVAL OF US NOTE.

2. NOT HAVING YET RECEIVED FONMINISTRY NOTE ALMOST WEEK LATER, I TELEPHONED RASHID APRIL 20 TO ASK HIM WHEN WE MIGHT EXPECT RECEIVE IT AT EMBASSY. RASHID SAID IT STILL BEING CHECKED OUT (PRESUMABLY WITH CROWN PRINCE). HE INDICATED THERE WAS SOME CONCERN OVER "PRECEDENT," THAT EXCHANGE OF THESE NOTES MIGHT INVOLVE, BUT HE ADDED HE FELT SURE THERE WOULD BE "NO PROBLEM" ABOUT FINAL GOK APPROVAL.

3. COMMENT: DESPITE THE HEARTBURN THAT THE POSSIBILITY OF CREATING AN UNDESIRE PRECEDENT MAY BE MOMENTARILY CAUSING

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KUWAITIS, I AM OPTIMISTIC THAT WE WILL HAVE A FAVORABLE GOK

REPLY TO OUR NOTE ON US/KUWAITI MILITARY ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT
WITHIN NEXT FEW DAYS.
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